

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-12 are presented for consideration, with Claim 1 being independent.

Initially, Applicant notes with appreciation that Claim 6 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Based on this indication, Claim 1 has been amended as shown above to include the features of Claim 6, which has been cancelled.

As will be appreciated, the claims shown above reflect the changes made in the Preliminary Amendment filed June 21, 2005. It appears that the Office Action did consider the Preliminary Amendment.

It is also acknowledged that Claims 3, 4 and 9-12 have been withdrawn from consideration for being directed to a non-elected species. It is respectfully requested, however, that these claims now be considered and allowed because they depend from allowed Claim 1.

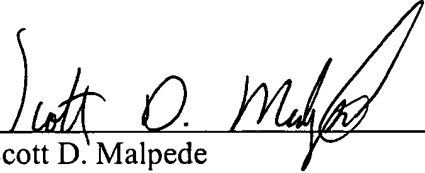
Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing subject matter not adequately described in the specification. It is submitted that the amendments to Claim 2 as shown in the Preliminary Amendment of June 21, 2005, obviate this rejection.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Dostal. Without conceding to the propriety of this rejection, Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable Claim 6, as discussed above. This rejection is therefore deemed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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